

FACT SHEET

Cyr Gulch Fire

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What: Wildland Fire

Location: Deep Creek area west of the Clark Fork River

Started: July 23, 2014 around 1:00 pm

Protection Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

Southwestern Land Office, Missoula Unit

Narrative: The Cyr Gulch Fire was first reported on Wednesday July 23rd around 1:00 pm. The fire is burning in the Deep Creek area on the west side of the Clark Fork River. At this time, firefighters from local departments and agencies are working to control the fire. Constructed fire lines held overnight with an estimated 15% containment. Due to more accurate mapping the fire is estimated at 47.8 acres. The fire has not grown overnight. Firefighters have been working hard to take advantage of cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity this morning while fire activity has not been as active as yesterday.

The second fire spotted south of the Cyr Gulch has been identified as the Hagerty Fire. The fire was a lightning struck tree that turned into about a ¼ acre fire. Resources attacked the fire last night. It is now in patrol status after being contained and controlled.

Current Size: 47.8 acres **Containment:** 15%

Resources on Fire: Multiple engines, three DNRC Type II Helicopters, and the Deer Lodge

Crew.

Special Concerns: SAFETY of firefighters and the public is a primary concern. Please stay clear of the Deep Ck area while fire fighters work to control the fire.

Cause: Lightning

Prevention Message: It's HOT and DRY! Please remember that even pulling off the road to watch the fire could ignite tinder-dry grasses under your vehicle! Missoula County is at High fire danger this week. The public is reminded to be extremely cautious with all sources of ignition.